

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

S.J.R. No. 4

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing jury instructions on good time and eligibility for parole and mandatory supervision.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article IV, Section 11, of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11. (a) The Legislature shall by law establish a Board of Pardons and Paroles and shall require it to keep record of its actions and the reasons for its actions. The Legislature shall have authority to enact parole laws *and laws that require or permit courts to inform juries about the effect of good conduct time and eligibility for parole or mandatory supervision on the period of incarceration served by a defendant convicted of a criminal offense.*

(b) In all criminal cases, except treason and impeachment, the Governor shall have power, after conviction, on the written signed recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or a majority thereof, to grant reprieves and commutations of punishment and pardons; and under such rules as the Legislature may prescribe, and upon the written recommendation and advice of a majority of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, he shall have the power to remit fines and forfeitures. The Governor shall have the power to grant one reprieve in any capital case for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days; and he shall have power to revoke conditional pardons. With the advice and consent of the Legislature, he may grant reprieves, commutations of punishment and pardons in cases of treason.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 1989. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require or permit courts to inform juries about the effect of good conduct time and eligibility for parole or mandatory supervision on the period of incarceration served by a defendant convicted of a criminal offense."

Adopted by the Senate on April 3, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Adopted by the House on May 2, 1989, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 10.

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S.J.R. No. 5

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of an additional \$500 million of Texas water development bonds for water supply, water quality, and flood control purposes.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article III of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding Section 49-d-7 to read as follows:

Sec. 49-d-7. (a) *The Texas Water Development Board may issue additional Texas water development bonds up to an additional aggregate principal amount of \$500 million. Of the additional bonds authorized to be issued, \$250 million of those bonds*